

# WILL RICE TELL WHAT HE KNOWS TO GRAND JURY?

Former Resort Keeper Returns,  
Pays \$500 Fine and Wipes  
Out Slate.

EXPECTED TO BE A WITNESS

Those on the Inside, However,  
Scarcely Expect Him to Volun-  
tarily Burn Own Bridges.

What will Billy Rice tell when he  
goes before the grand jury next week?

That's a question that has been on  
the lips of people generally over the  
county since it has become known that  
the resort owner was to return to the  
state and be a witness at the investi-  
gation by the jury of alleged official  
corruption in the county and in the  
city of Rock Island.

Rice, since the filing of a batch of  
information against him in county  
court by State's Attorney F. E.  
Thompson, has been sojourning in  
Davenport. Total bond of \$15,000 was  
required on the informations. This  
was more than Rice figured he could  
manage to furnish. In some way he  
got wind that he was to be prosecuted  
for selling liquor without a license and  
for operating a disorderly house on  
his property at Twenty-first street and  
Fourth avenue, and he decided to va-  
moose while the going was good.

Visited by Wood.

George W. Wood, special prosecutor  
for the grand jury, has paid a few  
visits to Rice on the Iowa side, in an  
effort to induce him to return here  
and explain how it was possible for  
him to have conducted his saloon and  
resort two years without interference  
of either the city or county authorities.

As in all such instances, the sus-  
picion is that Rice paid for the priv-  
ilege, and of course Special Prosecutor  
Wood proposes to make a strenuous  
effort, when he gets Rice before the  
grand jury, to nail the resortkeeper  
down to a story involving those from  
whom it is suspected he secured pro-  
tection.

After the county court informations  
had been filed, and it was learned that  
Rice had gotten safely beyond the  
borders of the state, there were street  
charges that State's Attorney Thomp-  
son had purposely scared Rice away  
with a prohibitive bond in order that  
he could not be brought before the  
grand jury; in other words that Mr.  
Thompson was seeking to shield cer-  
tain officials. Mr. Thompson told an  
Argus representative today that he  
consented to a plea of guilty from  
Rice, with a \$500 fine, to clear any  
doubt concerning his sincerity in deal-  
ing with Rice. Mr. Thompson said he  
was ready to assist Mr. Wood and the  
grand jury in every way possible that  
justice might be satisfied. In the  
present instance Mr. Thompson is  
making it possible to get Rice before  
the grand jury.

City Officers Urged Return.

But what has Rice got up his sleeve  
in the form of information? To be  
sure that remains to be seen when he  
testifies before the jury, which will  
not reconvene until next week.

City administration officials have  
been urging the return of Rice to  
clear a cloudy atmosphere that has  
been hovering over them since the ex-  
pose of the character of the place  
Rice conducted.

While it is not to be doubted that  
Rice could relate some startling facts,  
those who know the man declare that  
Prosecutor Wood is due to receive a  
severe disappointment. Under the  
immunity guarantee that Rice obtains  
by consenting to become a grand  
jury witness he is guaranteed against  
further prosecution on the charges  
contained in the county court informa-  
tions.

This being the situation, Rice will  
be free to return to his Rock Island  
residence. Those on the inside pre-  
dict that Rice, if he ever paid graft  
to officials, will not admit it before  
the jury. They say he has played the  
game for years, always has taken his

medicine, but has never turned out  
to be "squealer."

Returns to the City.

After an "absence" of some weeks,  
Rice returned to Rock Island this  
morning and plead guilty to five of 31  
informations which had been filed  
against him by State's Attorney F. E.  
Thompson. Immediately after this  
procedure, Rice was served with a  
subpoena to appear before the grand  
jury.

Some time ago State's Attorney  
Thompson filed 31 informations  
against Rice, charging selling liquor  
without a license, operating a house of  
ill fame and maintaining a public nu-  
isance.

Rice appeared in court this morning  
with his attorney, P. R. Ingelson, Mo-  
line, and plead guilty to the five  
charges, being fined \$100 and costs on  
each by Judge B. S. Bell, the total as-  
sessed against the defendant being  
\$602.25. Then State's Attorney Thomp-  
son nolle prossed the remaining 26  
cases.

Thompson in Statement.

To make his part in the transaction  
clear the state's attorney today gave  
out the following statement:

"Statements have been made by  
some of the grand jurors that Billy  
Rice was willing to go before the  
grand jury now in session and testify  
to what he knew concerning alleged  
conditions in official circles of this  
county; but the grand jury reported to  
me that Mr. Rice was afraid to re-  
turn and face the many serious  
charges which I have filed against  
him. Not wishing to lay a single im-  
pediment in the way of the present  
investigating body I consented at the  
request of the grand jury to do what I  
could to get Mr. Rice before them.  
With this in view I accepted Mr. Rice's  
plea to five of the charges and dismis-  
ed the remaining ones on his promise  
to refrain from further violations of  
law in this county."

## GRADUATE CLASS OF 100 NEXT MAY

Seventy-three High School Sen-  
iors Now Have No Work to  
to Be Made Up.

The Rock Island high school will  
probably graduate more than 100 this  
year at exercises now planned to be  
held May 29. Committees now en-  
gaged in arranging the commencement  
week program. Class dress must  
again this year be designated.

A. J. Burton, principal, has com-  
pleted a partial list of 73 graduates,  
who now hold senior second half  
standing. The remaining seniors to  
fill out the class of 100 have back work  
to make up. The Rock Island high  
school requires a total of 160 credits  
for graduation.

At a meeting to be held soon the  
question of cap and gowns as a class  
garb will be discussed.

The following pupils have senior A  
standing:

Edna Anderson, Frank Andrews, Ed-  
win Antony, Walter Archer, David  
Baker, Forest Baumbach, Ruth Blake-  
more, Louise Blayne, Bernard Bleuer,  
Clarence Bloomberg, Nellie Brien,  
Georgianna Brinkerhoff, Mabel Bulger,  
Joseph Cain, Blanche Carpenter, Eliza-  
beth Chaney, Zelma Comegys, Gwenola  
Connell, Margaret Cook, Louise Cro-  
well, Edna Curry, Paul Dahlen, Har-  
riet Darling, Marian Dauber, Will  
Dempsey, Helen Detjens, Della Ecker-  
man, LeVina Fish, Edwin Frazer,  
Bessie Priestat, John Priestat, Iles  
Gansert, Blanche Goodie, George Greg-  
ory, Roland Greve, Frances Griswold,  
Fred Holpenstiel, Herman Hill, Ethel  
Jens, Bryan Kane, Agnes Koerber, An-  
dora Larsson, Mabel Larson, Flor-  
ence Long, Hazel Long, George Mc-  
Donald, Helen Marshall, Mary Harri-  
son, Charles Metz, Margaret Myers,  
Fred Noid, Kenneth Oak, Frieda Pear-  
son, Helen Pollard, Florence Prager,  
Irma Rahn, Winnifred Reck, Mildren  
Rice, Alberta Richards, William  
Rinck, Henry Roberts, Louis Rueck-  
ert, Irene Saulpaugh, Elizabeth Sharpe,  
Miriam Walker, Hazel Weller, Will  
Whisler, Helen Young, Rebecca Zeff-  
ren, Esther Zisner, Earl Hedberg,  
Claude Kipp, Elizabeth Sperry.

## REALIZE \$200 IN ANNUAL FROLIC

High School Students Earn  
Money to Assist the Var-  
ious Organizations.

The high school frolic, as usual, was  
a big success. Over \$200 was taken  
in by the students last Friday and Sat-  
urday nights and probably about 75  
per cent of that amount will be profit.  
The money will be divided between the  
societies of the school by the As-  
sociated Student Body. The Athletic  
association will probably be the larg-  
est beneficiary.

Saturday night the people were so  
anxious to see the two headline at-  
tractions, the Zig-Zag and "King Rajah  
in His Temple," that two extra per-  
formances were staged after the other  
shows had closed and the rooms were  
packed for each of the extras.

## WOMEN HAVE SAME VOICE AS MEN IN CONVENTION

Democrats of Rock Island will meet  
in convention at Turner hall next  
Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock to  
name a township ticket. Women will  
be entitled to sit in the convention  
and will be given the same voice in  
the deliberations and in making nomi-  
nations as male voters.



# Harned & Von Maur

SECOND AND HARRISON STREETS

PHONE 1023

## Spring Opening

Tomorrow, Wednesday  
and Thursday

Revealing the newest secrets of fashion in  
**Women's outer apparel**  
**Millinery Silks Dressgoods**  
**Wash goods Shoes**  
**Accessories**

Back to those picturesque days of France when the  
reign of pleasure followed the awful Reign of Terror,  
designers of millinery have turned for inspirations.

The extreme tilt, sometimes termed the "Watteau  
tilt" after the famous painter of the early 18th cen-  
tury, is probably the most notable feature of the new  
hats.

Where in the past seasons the hats have been pull-  
ed snugly down on the head, they now slant sharply  
forward or to the side with a high bandeau in back.

See the beautiful \$500 hat on display in our millinery room

## Souvenir green carnations to visitors

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, tomorrow we will give a beautiful fresh green  
carnation to every woman who visits our Millinery Room between the hours  
of 9 and 11 and 2 and 5.

## Women's suits, coats, waists and dresses

Dame Fashion has a keen liking for  
variety, and the changes she has  
brought forth for Spring are quite  
radical. The style features which  
this store has talked to you about for  
sometime are now here in full force—  
—The bustle back.  
—The tunics.  
—The bolero effects and short coats  
made necessary by the use of large  
hip draperies.

—The flaring top coat.  
—The combinations of plain and  
fancy materials.  
—Ruffled and puffed effects.  
—Collars flaring away from the neck.  
—Loose raglan and kimono sleeves.  
Our opening displays are complete  
in the embodiment of all the accept-  
ed style ideas, and will prove inter-  
esting to every woman who cares to  
know correct fashions.

In conjunction with our showing of  
the new styles, we will present

## "A Century of Fashions"

Portraying the styles which have  
ruled from 1800 to 1914

One hundred and fourteen years of  
changing fashions will be revealed in  
this remarkably interesting exhibit.  
Gowns, dresses, bonnets and dress  
accessories of the belles of other days  
have been assembled from the homes  
of some of the oldest families in this  
vicinity.

These are original garments, heir-  
looms which in their time graced  
leading social functions.

There are wedding gowns, going-  
away gowns, afternoon gowns, quaint

bonnets, all immensely interesting for  
their historic value. Women will be  
able to trace many tendencies of  
present day styles to these old cos-  
tumes.

They will be posed en tableau on  
our sixth floor Tuesday, Wednesday  
and Thursday afternoons, one dis-  
play beginning at 2:30, the other at 4  
o'clock. Each gown will be shown to  
the accompaniment of music of its  
day, played on our large pipe organ.  
Everyone should endeavor to review  
these quaint old fashions.

Harned and Von Maur's—6th floor



## AT THE Y. M. C. A.

Saturday evening a group of the  
younger boys of the Y. M. C. A. were  
entertained by R. A. Gregory, who,  
dressed in his sailor's uniform, talked  
of his life aboard a man-o-war. Spread  
upon a table were strange articles  
gathered from the ends of the earth.  
Here a jar from Pompeii, a garment  
from the bark of the mulberry tree  
worn by natives of Hawaii, shells from  
Italy, a stone from Blue Beard's cas-  
tle, and pictures of foreign people and  
foreign places. During the talk the  
boys were allowed to read from Mr.  
Gregory's "log" telling of his experi-  
ences. Afterward the boys were given

a chance to look over the large num-  
ber of curios, to ask questions and best  
of all to handle them.

A. J. Burton spoke to the boys of the  
B. G. M. Sunday afternoon. His topic  
being "Broaden your view of life." Mr.  
Burton drew the picture of a wheel  
with civic pride, development of the  
body, the social nature, development  
of the mind, altruism, and business as  
the spokes. Without a rim Mr. Burton  
said, the wheel would be rather bumpy  
so the rim of the Christian life was  
added, completing the wheel. An-  
nouncement was made that if the  
weather permitted the meeting would  
be held outdoors next Sunday.

Tomorrow evening the Toastmasters  
club of the Y. M. C. A. will hold one

of its regular monthly meetings. The  
program for Tuesday night, contrary  
to the expectations aroused by the  
date, is to be upon votes for women,  
and a lively discussion of the suffrage  
question will take place.

## REV. JAMES SHANNON WILL GIVE LECTURE

Much interest is being manifested  
in the lecture which the Very Rev.  
James Shannon, vicar general of  
Peoria, is to give tomorrow evening  
at Sacred Heart church on "Saint Pat-  
rick." He comes to the city under the  
auspices of St. Joseph's branch No. 18,

W. C. U. and has a reputation of be-  
ing a fluent and forceful speaker.  
The musical program, which is to  
be given in addition to the lecture,  
promises to be entertaining. Mrs. T.  
B. Reidy and the Knights of Columbus  
quartet are to give selections.

## RUNABOUT DAMAGED IN COLLISION WITH CURBING

Bush runabout, bearing Illinois li-  
cense tag No. 71,145, crashed into the  
curbing at Twenty-second street and  
Fourth avenue this noon, bending the  
front axle and damaging one of the  
wheels. The car was travelling north  
on Twenty-second street and as the  
driver attempted to turn west on

Fourth avenue a wagon drove in front  
of the car forcing it into the curbing.

## ST. PATRICK BALL

given by the Social Four at  
Industrial Hall, R. I., Tues-  
day evening, March 17.

Tickets 50c for couples.

Extra ladies 25c.

Music by Criterion Or-  
chestra.

## SEVEN DAYS

—TO—

## SELL OUT

—AT—

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enings, 7:30.

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